

EVACUEE**NEWSLETTER**

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Notes of interest for evacuees**Evacuees staying with friends in Navy Family Housing**

All evacuees who are staying in Navy Family Housing with friends or family who have not registered with the co-located Housing and Evacuation Offices should go to the Housing Office and do so.

What about school for the children?

School registration for evacuated children is tentatively scheduled for Friday, Sept. 9. See newsletter next week for more information.

Can I get a job while I'm here?

Temporary employment opportunities may be available if you are interested in working while you are here. Please check with the Fleet and Family Service Center for job information.

Wal-Mart employees

If you worked at a Wal-Mart store in an area affected by Hurricane Katrina, please check in with the Super Wal-Mart.

Pet owners

Poplar Springs Animal Clinic has diagnosed a golden retriever with a parasitic and bacterial infection and dehydration. There is no evidence of parvo. This dog has a history of the parasite known as "whip worms." The bacterial infection is a general infection local to the GI tract. The veterinarian has stressed that the viruses are normally spread by unclean conditions such as feces and heat. It is very important to keep the kennel area clean. Failure to keep the kennel area clean will possibly result in the removal of your pets. Your cooperation is very much appreciated by us, but your pets will appreciate it

even more.

How do I register for WIC?

You can contact the WIC office at 601-693-2451. It is located at 5224 Valley Street behind the Mississippi Highway Patrol Office on Highway 19N in the College Park area.

You also can contact the Greater Meridian Health Clinic at 601-693-0118. It is located at 2701 Davis St., which is near St. Patrick's Church.

Various Hours of Operation

NEX:M-F, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun, 12:30-5 p.m.

Gas Station: 7 a.m.-7 p.m. daily -- no after hours sales

Country Store: 9 a.m.-9 p.m. daily

Commissary: Sept. 4, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Tues-Sat, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

NFCU: Sept. 3-5, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; M-F, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Citizen's Natl Bank: M-Th, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Fri, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

When can I go home?

Disaster response officials are urging evacuated residents not to return for least a week to areas that have been hit hard in Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi.

You are asked to please not contact local fire and police agencies, which are busy responding to emergencies. Instead, check the following:

Alabama Emergency Management Agency, 205-280-2200

Louisiana Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, 225-925-7400

Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, 601-352-9100 or 800-222-6362

Florida Division of Emergency Management, 800-342-3557

Federal Disaster Aid available for those suffering losses in designated areas**Designated Areas**

Alabama: Baldwin, Mobile and Washington Counties

Louisiana: Acadia, Ascension, Assumption, Calcasieu, Cameron, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Palquemes, Pointe Coupee, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John, St. Mary, St. Martin, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Vermilion, Washington, West Baton

Rouge, and West Feliciana Parishes

Mississippi: Amite, Forrest, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Lamar, Marion, Pea River, Perry, Pike, Stone, Walthall and Wilkinson Counties

How to Apply

Call FEMA to apply for assistance at 800-621-3362 or 800-462-7585 for the hearing impaired.

These numbers are for people in the designated federal disaster areas only.

Be prepared to give your Social

Security number, describe your losses, provide financial information, and give directions to the damaged property.

If you get a busy signal, try to call after 6 p.m. or on the weekend.

The information provided gets you in the system. An inspector will schedule an appointment and visit the property. You should be there. A housing assistance check will arrive in 7-10 days, if you are eligible. There may be an SBA application enclosed. You MUST fill out and return to be eligible for any further assistance.

Navy 24-hour help line for family info & muster 1-877-414-5358

Family info or for help, call Red Cross 1-866-GET-INFO